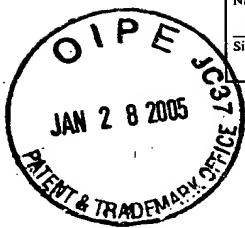


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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2004, which provides a three (3) month period for response. No fees are believed to be due.

Applicants submit that entry of the after-final amendments presented below is proper in this instance because (1) the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal (37 CFR 1.116(b)), and (2) the amendments address rejections first made by the Examiner in the Nov. 1, 2004 Action over newly cited prior art (37 CFR 1.116(c)).

A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrent with this paper to maintain pendency of the application. Payment of the associated fee is authorized separately.

Please amend the claims in the manner described, and consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Claims Listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.